# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
# LOK SABHA

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IMPORT OF MILK POWDER
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether milk powder and milk products are being imported;

(b) if so, the quantum of milk powder and other milk products imported in the country during each of the last three years till date; and

(c) the specific reasons for importing of these items?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ( SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE )

(a) & (b) The quantum of milk powder and other milk products imported during last three years till July 03 (latest available) are contained in the publication `Monthly Statistics of Foreign Trade of India; Volume-II (Imports) Annual Number` published by Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, which is available in the library of the Parliament.

(c) India has been following a consistent policy of gradual removal of restrictions on imports since 1991. In this process, import restrictions on some milk and milk products have also been removed. However, Government is absolutely determined to ensure that imports, do not cause any serious injury to the domestic producers. Towards that end, Government has successfully renegotiated the existing 0% bound rate of duty on milk powder to 60% with a provision for allowing 10,000 MT of these products at a concessional duty rate of 15% under Article XXVIII of GATT.